

COUNTY NEWS

Stock Notes

George Miller, postoffice inspector, has been assigned to the Mexico district and will have his headquarters in the federal building. He will be assisted temporarily by Inspector Thomas.

Miss Sarah Condon of Hannibal is the guest of Miss Julia Carr. She will go on the camp at Mundy's Oak.

Mrs. Amos and Alice and John Fish are home after a pleasant visit with relatives in the North.

Mrs. C. R. Morris and son, Frank, have gone to Duluth, Minn., to visit Mr. and Mrs. Roy Miller. Mrs. Miller was Miss Lillian Morris.

Miss Thomson Morris of St. Louis, is the guest of Miss Belle Morris.

Mrs. H. E. Pemberton and Mrs. John Hook, of Fulton have returned home after a short visit with Mrs. C. H. Rowland.

Mrs. Harry Breibing of Fulton, has returned to the hospital in this city for treatment.

Miss Marie Myers and brother, Otho Myers of Columbia, passed through Mexico on their way to Rush Hill, Monday.

Misses Gertrude and Ida May Fitts are visiting Miss Vernie Denton in Jefferson City.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Morrison and daughter, Miss Martha, of Fulton, passed through Mexico Tuesday en route to their home.

The Rev. J. D. Greer is taking his vacation at New Canaan, Mo.

Misses Grace and Zolma Sommerfeld of St. Louis are the guests of Miss Pinkie West and Mrs. W. L. Forster for a week.

Miss Alma Shoush is visiting in Vandalla.

Mrs. J. W. Bryan, who has been away from Mexico for several years, has returned to make her home here. She has been in Connecticut with her daughter, Mrs. Eugene Ripley.

A. G. Lefson, wife and little son of Bloomington, Ill., and Mr. Lefson's sister, Mrs. W. H. Hoi, Nagsworth, and daughter, Miss Clara, will leave in a few days for a visit through Kansas. They will make the trip in an auto. Mr. Lefson and family at present are visiting Mrs. Hollingsworth, who lives just north of Mexico.

F. R. Sanford has purchased a handsome Cole four automobile from Fred A. Morris.

Ford Kendall and family of Woodridge, Mo., have returned home after a pleasant visit here.

Harry Rose is now with The Morris Cash Gro. Co. Harry is a bright and capable boy and will make good.

Miss Ruth Cook is home from Lake Geneva, Wis., where she took a course in Sunday School Training Work.

Miss Lulu Pigg was up from Vandalla Tuesday.

M. T. Vandegrift went to Marsh all on business Tuesday.

Mrs. G. C. Brown is visiting relatives in Slater.

Mrs. Ralph DeWitt went to Slater for a short visit Tuesday.

J. B. Evans is home from a business trip to Chicago.

The Old Settlers' Association of Montgomery county is 23 years old, and the coming reunion on Saturday, August 1st, promises to be one of the most pleasant and entertaining in the history of the Association.

Miss Grace Keith of Columbia was in this city Monday en route to Vandalla.

Mrs. U. H. Owens is very ill.

Mrs. D. A. McMillan of Fulton passed through Mexico Tuesday evening en route to North Carolina.

Chas. Campbell, one of Mexico's most efficient grocers, is now with J. C. King.

A daughter was born, July 12th, to Mr. and Mrs. Stockton Fountain, of Centralia.

Russell and Ralph Null and Ben Orin Sims are guests of Mrs. J. L. Washington in Fulton.

Mrs. G. W. Walker and little daughter, Eleanor, who have been visiting here, left for their home in New Orleans Wednesday.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Vick, of Ithaca, N. Y., a daughter, to be christened Mary Raglan. Mrs. Vick was Miss Ruth Raglan, the beautiful daughter of Dr. and Mrs. K. H. Bragg, of this city.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Wilson, this week, a son.

Alvin Tremblay is now connected with the local office of the American Express Co. Alvin is a young man of fine habits and ability.

"Happy" Blatter is in Moberly and Kansas City on business.

Miss Anna Timmerly, R. N., of Slater, has been the guest of Miss Sarah Reitz, R. N., at the hospital.

Miss Mary Deam Brown of Fulton is the guest of Mexico friends.

R. H. and Theodore Cuthberton will be tonight for Sonora, Texas, to visit their brother, Albert Cuthberton. They will be joined at Porterville, Oklahoma, by their father, Dan Cuthberton, who will accompany them.

Miss Ruth House has returned from a pleasant visit with Miss Lena Ritter, near Thompson.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. G. Warren Schless, Tuesday night, an 8-pound son.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wells, of Elgin, Kan., are guests of Mr. Walter's parents in this city.

Mrs. W. R. Hisey, who has been quite ill, fell at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. C. Lakanan, Wednesday morning. She was not badly injured, however, and is getting along nicely.

Helen Shifted.

How to get your money's worth out of rubber heels: When the heels wear down on one side pry them off with a screwdriver or strong screw. Go easy, get the nails up with the rubber. Take the right and place on left shoe. Get the points of the nails in the same holes. They fit. That brings the thick part on the outside. Now hammer it down. Do the same thing with the other shoe.

Dancing Once Part of Worship.

We read in the "Book of the Dead," which contains the papery of Egypt's most ancient seers and scholars, that dancing was a part of Egyptian worship. In fact, the hieroglyphics themselves, denoting adoration, triumph after battle, gloom at the death of a monarch or a high priest, were often figures of men or women in dancing postures.

NO DANGER

of an explosion when you use an ILL. blue flame Oil Stove. Can't blow 'em up.

L. Roy Ferris.

LEDGER ADVERTISEMENTS PAY

SOUTH BENTON.

Chris Stauffer and family of Illinois are visiting relatives here.

J. B. Lavender who has been in Arkansas the past few months is home again.

Miss Wanda Watts of Mexico visited Mrs. Ida Lower last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Lower, Messrs Logan and Ed. Kist of Mexico spent Tuesday at J. A. Clark's.

Mrs. J. B. Clark visited with relatives at Moline last week.

Miss Nora Williams of Mexico is visiting friends here.

Zack Botkin, Mrs. Lee Lower and Miss Bernice Burke of Mexico are visiting at J. A. Clark's.

Miss Pansy Jones of Montgomery visited at Ab Harrison's the past two weeks.

Dr. Natter was in Weaville last week.

Chas. Clark has an auto.

Mrs. Maude Bane is spending the summer with relatives in the West.

NEW HOPE.

Henry Vance sold a bunch of lambs to Hage of Centralia at 7-8-4 per lb.

W. J. Wray sold some lambs to Vance at \$7.50 per cwt.

The farmers here are planting millet, cane and corn for winter feed.

W. T. Chick is cutting down a set of buggy wheels for C. D. Wilson and has two or three more sets to cut down.

The potato crop is just about a failure in this part of the county.

J. W. Wray threshed 100 bushels of wheat Friday and Saturday.

The Rev. Dick preached at Weldon's Chapel Sunday.

Rob Hampton is ill.

NORTHEAST BENTON.

Mr. and Mrs. Kollerhal have gone to Ripley, Iowa, for an extended visit with relatives.

A fine daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Harry King, of Craig, Neb., July 6th. Mrs. King was formerly Miss Ella Hildebrand of this locality.

Little Glen Kollerhal was quite ill the first of the week.

The Ladies Aid of the Christian Church of Benton City will give an ice cream social next Saturday evening.

Will Winger and family and Bert Waddington and wife spent Sunday with John Stump and family.

French Douglas and family visited at Oscar Hoffmeyer's in Middletown, Saturday and Sunday.

R. W. Rockwell lost a fine colt Sunday morning. The colt was struck by a passing auto and so badly injured it could not recover.

The many friends of Rev. John Kerr of Perry were deeply grieved to hear of the death of his oldest son last Thursday.

Special meetings will begin at the Baptist Church in Benton City next Monday night.

Mrs. James Quinlan and children of Chicago, Ill., are visiting at C. A. Garver's. The ladies are sisters.

AUXVASSE.

Mr. and Mrs. Buck Jones of North Dakota are visiting relatives here.

Milton Armstrong, Ham Underwood and Joe Nutt shipped several cars of sheep Monday.

Martha Lake, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Dudley, who is very ill, remains about the same.

The ice cream supper given by the baseball team (ably assisted by their mothers, sisters, wives and lady friends) Saturday night, was a great success. The new building of Mr. Stokes, generously donated, was filled with guests and refreshments in search of ice until a late hour.

Joe Pylton and family have moved back to Moline from the Muff farm.

Mrs. Homa Martin-White of El Paso, Tex., is visiting relatives here.

Mrs. Nead Tanner is the guest of L. Weaver and daughter.

Protracted meeting is in progress at Mt. Zion Baptist Church. Rev. Lyon of Kansas City is doing the preaching; services begin each evening at 8 o'clock. Come out and hear him.

The members of Mt. Zion have purchased a new piano which helps much in the devotional services.

Miss Kate Dudley of Mexico was the guest of Mrs. James Dudley several days last week.

J. E. Berry and wife of Gant were guests of R. L. Helzer and family Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Gertrude Ryker and brother, John, of Mexico attended church at Mt. Zion Sunday and visited Dr. Flynn and family.

Tom Schaeffer is reported improving.

This community deeply sympathizes with Rev. and Mrs. John Kerr of Perry in the death of their eldest son. Burial at Bethel Church cemetery next of here, near Mr. Kerr's home.

Miss Martha Cuthberton is home from a seven months' stay with her uncle in Lawrence county.

John Cuthberton and family and Mrs. Nan Williams were guests of Herbert Cuthberton and wife of Littlefield Sunday.

Mrs. Martha Hisey of the Old Lady Home and Mrs. Janette Weaver of Mexico were guests of Forest Weaver and family several days last week.

Walter Samsbeck and wife, and Mr. Hansen and family of Mexico were Sunday guests of J. D. Worley and family.

SALE OF FAIR BOOTHS

The booths for the big Mexico Fair will be sold at the Fair Ground, Saturday afternoon, July 28th, at public auction. Mexico Fair booths are always in demand and prospects for large crowds this year are brighter than ever.

Public Sale

OF

Real Estate

ON

Friday, Aug. 7th, 1:30 P. M.

We will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, lots 1, 2, 9 and 10 Block 13 of Morris Addition to Mexico, Mo., and known as the Mundy home place. Lot No. 10 has two story 6 room dwelling and outbuildings. Lots to be sold separately.

TERMS:—One-third cash, one-third in six months, balance time to suit. Sale on premises.

W. W. and J. E. Mundy, Executors.

EMMETT CONINGHAM, of Jackson, Tenn., formerly of Mexico, is coming back to live. He has resigned his position with John Deere Plow Co., and accepted a place with the International Harvester Co., having Northeast Missouri as his territory. Mr. Cunningham's health was improved in the South.

Dyer Bros. shipped a car load of hogs Wednesday. Chas. Lewis had some nice cattle on the market.

Dr. and Mrs. Adams motored to Mexico to visit homefolks this week in their new Essex roadster.

Miss Althea Fry entertained a number of friends with an evening at the Club House Tuesday, serving a picnic lunch, which was lovely.

Dr. Joe Moore of Mexico was called out in consultation Wednesday.

Mrs. Violet Hamilton, who was quite sick of appendicitis is much better.

The close 7 game of baseball between the married and single men of our town, Wednesday, finished with a score of 7 to 6 in favor of the single men.

Z. V. Wakefield is recovering from a sprained ankle.

The funeral of Mrs. E. A. Turner was conducted by Rev. Mitchell from the Baptist church Thursday morning at 11 o'clock. Mrs. Turner was formerly Miss Irene Baldwin and moved here five years ago with her parents from Mexico. Mrs. Turner was 25 years old and leaves a husband and a small son to mourn her death.

Miss Edith of Marshall is the guest of Mrs. L. Y. Home.

Prof. Van Horn happened to quite a serious accident this week when operating a hay derrick. He lost the end of one of his fingers.

Mrs. Murray of Stephens Store Duffler.

DANGERS OF CHOLERA MORBUS.

In many of our neighborhoods some one has died from an attack of cholera morbus before medicine could be procured or a physician summoned. Every family should be prepared for such an emergency. Mrs. E. M. Snyder, Herkimer, N. Y., says: "About four years ago my husband had an attack of cholera morbus. I gave him Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy and it relieved the pain immediately, and two or three doses of it effected a cure." For sale by all dealers. adv.

HOLLENSVILLE.

Threshing seems to be the order of the day.

O. T. Cawthorn and family visited his father, P. R. Cawthorn Sunday.

Mr. Geo. Anderson of Kansas City and Miss Hollenhead, Chanute, Kan., visited their sister, Mrs. C. C. McGee, last week.

There was an immense crowd at Long Branch Church Saturday night at the supper. The receipts of the supper was \$105.

Mrs. W. P. Ball and daughter, Willie, visited Mrs. Ball's sister, Mrs. F. L. McGee last Friday and Saturday.

There is to be an ice cream supper at the Baptist Church Sunday night July 25. Everybody is invited to attend.

Miss Gladys Patrick was on the sick list last week.

QUICK CURE FOR DIARRHOEA.

The most prompt and effective cure for diarrhoea is Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. When given as soon as the first unnatural morning stool appears, it usually stops the trouble in a few minutes. It is a safe and reliable remedy for all cases of diarrhoea. It should be kept at hand ready for instant use. For sale by all dealers. adv.

JEFFERSON CITY.

BOOSTERS HERE.

J. W. Haskett, Chas. Ringo and C. F. Smith, in one of the 60 motor cars that left Jefferson City, Tuesday morning to advertise the horse show in that city July 25 to 27, arrived in Mexico, Tuesday, and distributed copies of the various papers of that city containing writups of the show. Jefferson City has some live wires.

WOMAN'S DUTY TO HERSELF.

Every woman owes it to herself to keep in good health. No one can reasonably be expected to maintain a cheerful disposition while half sick. Indigestion and constipation are two of the most common ills to which women are subject and fortunately are easily cured. Mrs. H. C. Getty, Indiana, Pa., writes, "Last summer I was advised by a friend to try Chamberlain's Tablets for indigestion and constipation. This medicine not only cured me of these disorders but toned up my whole system so that my health is now perfect. I have taken years since taking them." For sale by all dealers. adv.

SHOT WIFE, THEN HIMSELF.

Henry Hughes, of Moberly, shot his wife in a rooming house in Kansas City, Monday morning and then turned the gun on himself. The woman was killed with her hand against her head. Mrs. Hughes is reported dying, and her husband is in a critical condition.

MEXICO LEDGER BABY SHOW.

Remember the Mexico Ledger's Baby Show at 1 p. m. at the Ledger's stand on 16th Tuesday of the fair. Prettiest baby in Audrain County under one year old, first prize, silver cup; second prize, handsome bouquet.

CELEBRATES 68TH BIRTHDAY.

About sixty-eight friends of F. R. Dudley, who lives about 3 miles west of Mexico, celebrated his 68th birthday by taking their dinner to the woods Sunday to spend the day.

Among those there were Geo. Chadwick and wife, L. E. Davis and wife, Sumner Davis and wife, Willard Thompson and family, L. A. Ferguson and granddaughter, Pat Jenkins and family, Mr. and Mrs. Gibbons, C. Jones and family, Mr. and Mrs. Dudley and children, Mrs. and Mrs. Edgar Sims and Claude Sanbury. Everyone had a delightful time, and especially enjoyed the fried chicken which was in abundance.

A HINT TO THE WISE

IS SUFFICIENT.

When constipated take Chamberlain's Tablets. They are easy to take and most agreeable in effect. For sale by all dealers. adv.

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COUNTY SCHOOL NOTES

By W. CLYDE JOHNSON
Superintendent of County Schools

Miss Kate Stevens, who has taught the last two years at Goodwater, will teach this year at Strother.

Miss Ruby Webster a successful beginner at Ringo last year, goes to Hall this year. Although sorely affected by the loss of one eye, she is very determined, and will surely succeed.

Miss Edna Simpson has been elected to teach the Payne school.

Miss Margaret Wright of the Milligan Training class will teach at Pine.

Claud Todd of Pike County has been employed by the Board of South Carter.

Miss Sarah Culbertson, a graduate of Hardin College, will teach the second school.

Miss Margaret of Pike County has been employed by the Board of South Carter.

Miss Nellie Proctor of Boone County will teach the Harrison school.

Miss Minnie Jackson who has taught one year in Livingston County has been employed at Ellers.

Miss Emma McAfee of the Central Training class will teach at Pine.

Miss Mildred Cook has been employed by the board at Hazel.

Miss Jerome Settles, a graduate of Canton University, will teach Ringo, her home school.

Again the grades under the teachers in public examination have been sent out. It seems to me that they did better in June than in March. However, there were a few very poor grades. One made a grade of 7, one subject. Miss Vera Smith of Farber has the distinction of making the only 100. This perfect grade was made in arithmetic. These examinations are not child's play. They are a good thing, and a good thing to have when a good thing is done. They are a certificate to teach, but now it is a difficult proposition even for high school graduates. All high school students who expect to teach will always regret it if they do not take the Teachers' Training Course. I shall give a few ridiculous answers written in the June examination.

High school graduates: Ill. very ill, very very ill. Where the big trees grow—where, said, grow, prod. trees old. Stuart was a Calvary leader; exponent is a little number placed to the right and above a quantity, etc.

A teacher of a first class graded school: Earth makes 24 revolutions about its axis in one day; from pole to pole the zones measure 2160 degrees; the earth moves around each zone every 24 hours, hence one zone is 1/24 of 2160 degrees—90 degrees. Corvion is an island in Atlantic off N. E. coast of N. A.; Vera Cruz is a city on the west coast of Calif.; Gibraltar connecting two continents and the Pacific oceans, it cuts through the south part of N. A.; Denmark is one of the provinces of the British Isles; Ill. iller, iller; square, square; square; bad, bad; least, least; least; a relative pronoun, and who is a personal.

Twain.

Properly understood, suffrage does not mean the appointing of ward heelers; it means the park system and public schools and hospitals and playgrounds and public libraries. In matters of this kind we make no distinction between men and women. Today to secure the best results in city government, we must have the common service of men and women.

Prof. Charles Zuehlke.

Women should have not only social equality, but also equality in education, equally economically, and equally politically. This is the end to which we should work.

Prof. Mahabell Schmidt of Cornell University.

To have a voice in choosing those by whom one is governed is a means of self-protection due to every one. Under whatever conditions, and within whatever limits, men are admitted to the suffrage, there is not a shadow of justification for not admitting women under the same.

Over The Telephone.

Mrs. Belle Moore: "We women taxpayers have always felt that we should always have some say-so as to legislation. More women pay taxes than men. Besides, we are interested in other ways and desire to vote."

Mrs. Albert Kessner: "Yes, I believe women are entitled to the ballot because they are as capable to vote as the men."

Mrs. Henry Meyer: "I have always thought women have a perfect right to vote."

Mrs. Watta: "I believe in a woman's voting when she has no man in the family to guard her interests."

Mrs. H. P. Averitt: "Women should be allowed to vote for they can do good with the ballot just the same as they are doing in other ways."

Mrs. John Aycock: "I am in favor of Women Suffrage. I look upon voting as a duty and when we are allowed to vote we shall have many added responsibilities."

Mrs. J. C. Ringo: "Women are as capable of voting as men and I am in favor of the ballot for women. I do hope to see nothing of the militant character about our women."

ADVERTISED LETTERS

A list of advertised letters remains uncollected for the postoffice at Mexico, Mo., for the week ending July 13, '14:

Hard, Irene Miss
Cash, Magie, Miss
Cooper, Carl
Cook, S. B.
Graham, M. M.
Harvey, E. E.
Hicks, Joe
Jones, Annie Mrs. 2

Respectfully,
W. R. JACKSON,
Postmaster.

B. O. Harrison of Kansas City is the guest of Rev. A. B. Culbertson and family.

OUR TOOLS "ON THE SQUARE"

Hammers, Saws, Chisels, Planes, Augers, Bits, Etc.

You want tools that will last. It pays you to buy that kind. We keep tools of the Best Quality only, and the prices are low. Buy your tools for the home, the farm or the shop from us.

ROY FERRIS

MEXICO HISTORY

WRITTEN BY THE McMillan High School Class of 1914 as Their Senior Theses. Will Appear Regularly in the LEDGER in Serial Form.

(By Mabel Threlford)

(Continued from Second Page)

Thus we see that early social conditions both among the men and the women, were pleasant and wholesome. They were busy people, yet they always found time to be friendly and to enjoy the intercourse of their friends. They were generous, sympathetic, and hospitable, enjoying the pleasures and amusements afforded by the village. These pleasures were for the most part of the ordinary type, but occasionally something new and startling came to town, and added spice to their social life. The first circus might well be given as an illustration of such a feature and it would be easy to imagine the excitement created by its advent. It came in the summer of 1858 and was located on the southeast corner of what is now Jefferson and Liberty streets. In the records of this event one man writes, "I remember the rail fencing, which surrounded the first arena of games, was thrown down in the west and on the north side, near the corner, to admit people to the circus grounds."

He also adds "I remember the woman who walked the rope and it was a wonderful sight to me at that time."

The dress of the period was another interesting feature of social life. As I have said most of the clothing worn was of strictly homespun material, plain and coarse but comfortable and substantial, and not until a few years before the war did people begin to buy their clothing from St. Louis. Until 1872 there were no millinery stores in town and the more progressive of the women were forced to order their hats from Columbia, but those who could not afford them were plain straw bonnets instead and were seemingly just as happy.

The "imported" hats were usually of the large, flat variety and had bright ribbons for trimmings and strings. Styles, too, were an unheard-of thing, and when one of the women of a certain neighborhood could afford to buy a pattern, she, very unselishly, loaned it to every other woman in the neighborhood who chanced to want a new dress at that time. We can but wonder if the women have progressed along this line.

The bride and her trousseau was just as interesting then as now and there are some amusing stories told of early brides and curious connections which consisted mainly of trimming the straps, hats, flowers and ribbons obtained from Columbia were used for this.

The first organizations after the war, although not primarily social ones, were branches of the Masonic lodge. A few years after the war, on account of certain circumstances in the Mexico Lodge No. 26 it seemed best to establish another lodge. This was accordingly done October 13, 1871. It was chartered as the Hebron Lodge No. 264, with about fifteen members, and Mr. S. M. Edwards as the first master. The meetings of both lodges were held in the old Abbot building, a three story white frame structure where Eamon's store now stands. The Mexico Lodge held its sessions in the afternoon, for the benefit of farmers wishing to attend until the surrender of a charter, which took place shortly after the organization of the Hebron Lodge. After a few years, however, the members of the first Mexico Lodge reorganized, and that new lodge was known as Mexico Lodge No. 514. On April 8, 1873, the Crusade Commandery, (Knights Templar No. 23) was chartered, with James Carroll as their first Eminent Commander. This lodge has at present, one hundred and one members.

In 1870, the Murphy society, was organized. This was a temperance organization which had for its aim a higher moral standard for the city of Mexico. The members were held in the old Kalbick Opera House, Judge Purrier was the speaker; the influence of this movement was very great. Its organization shown towards things which did not tend towards the best interests of the town, and it is probably to such movements that we owe the present high life of the people of our city.

In 1875, a band of young men and ladies organized themselves into a society which was called the Temperance Society. This society lasted for about a year, meeting every Friday evening in the opera house.

In 1888, society might be said to have "blossomed forth," when Mrs. George B. MacFarlane gave to three hundred of her friends, the first reception ever held in Mrs. MacFarlane's home on East Love street, now owned by J. J. Moore, and was very similar to our receptions today. The hours were from three o'clock to five, and it is said that on the arriving at the house, about three, they were broken up by soldiers, and other people in leaving church found themselves surrounded by pickets and were detained for some time. One was hardly safe from his own home, even there his peace was frequently disturbed. Often the poor fellow, after preparing a meal for the soldiers, was forced to give it to the soldiers. The stress and feeling of the time made real pleasure impossible, and society, if such it might be called, consisted of wailing circles, where the women of the neighborhood met, usually to sew for their affairs, going generally home, miles in order to attend. No refreshments were served and conversation was invariably the mode of entertainment.

The dress of the period was necessarily very plain. During the war, calico was as high as 75c per yard. Dry goods were brought from Columbia, chiefly in the form of calico, and this inconvenience necessitated for the most part, the use of laundry cloth. Almost everyone did their own spinning and as sewing machines were very expensive, the first ones costing \$150, the dresses were simply made, the neighbors all borrowed each other's patterns and the result was that each neighborhood had its particular style of dress.

After the war, the people still depended on each other for necessities, and this was true to some extent, and when ever there was work of any kind to be done, the neighbors could be depended upon to help. These neighborhood gatherings were generally all-day affairs, the mothers bringing the children. The means for getting from one house to another were very poor. The walks were generally two narrow planks about three feet apart, with a ditch beneath, making walking very low and awkward.

From 1866 to the present date, society has gone through such a quiet evolution that it is impossible to set dates for the change in our social affairs. It might be said, however, that as early as 1870, society had overcome the effects of the war. The young people enjoyed evening parties some of which were formal. Masquerades were very popular, the young men of the day finding it especially interesting to masquerade when calling together on the names of young ladies. Dancing, skating, and riding parties were adopted by the young people as a means for working off surplus energy. The refreshments were generally elaborate, consisting chiefly of meats and other substantial foods. There was also a stinging society composed of a few couples, who found a great deal of pleasure in giving concerts in the neighborhood towns.

If a girl had one pretty party dress, it was not considered necessary for her to have another until that one wore out. These dresses were generally made of silk or some light fabric, with yards of ruffling. The millinery, which up until the war had consisted of untrimmed straw hats, was greatly improved by the establishment of the millinery store of Mrs. Shooman. She at first conducted business on a small scale, which consisted mainly of trimming the straps, hats, flowers and ribbons obtained from Columbia were used for this.

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